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# Introduction

The **java.util.FileReader** class is a convenience class for reading character files.Following are the important points about FileReader:

- The constructors of this class assume that the default character encoding and the default byte-buffer size are appropriate.
- FileReader is meant for reading streams of characters. For reading streams of raw bytes, use FileInputStream.

# Class declaration

Following is the declaration for java.util.FileReader class:

```
public class FileReader
  extends InputStreamReader
```

## **Field**

Following are the fields for java.util.FileReader class:

• protected Object lock -- This is the object used to synchronize operations on this stream.

# **Class constructors**

S.N.	Constructor & Description
1	FileReader(File file) This creates a new FileReader, given the File to read from.
2	FileReader(FileDescriptor file) This creates a new FileReader, given the FileDescriptor to read from.
3	FileReader(String fileName) This creates a new FileReader, given the name of the file to read from.

# **Class Methods**

This class inherits methods from the following classes:

- java.util.InputStreamReader
- java.uti.Reader
- java.util.Object